

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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--PRIOR APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/242,588 filed May 20, 1999, now abandoned, which is a 371 of PCT/FR97/01483 filed August 12, 1997.—

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